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Spotlight on June Events and Programs

School Vaccinations for Rising 7th Graders

The Health Department is offering vaccines for MCV4 (Meningitis) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) at their free immunization clinics on **June 28 from 9am-3pm, July 5 from 8am-3pm, and July 12 from 9am-3pm**. The clinics will be held at the Health Department building on **8930 Stafford Blvd** in Columbia in the Severn Room. For more information, click [here](#).

Summer @ Your Library

The Howard County Library System is hosting its Summer @ Your Apply program for children and teens. Read and participate in fun activities to unlock prizes and virtual badges. For more information, click [here](#) or visit any HCLS branch.

Roving Radish has returned and the 2017 season is already in full swing. Promoting local farms and healthy eating, the Roving Radish program buys regionally grown food straight from the farm and prepares meal kits that are easy to cook. To learn more about the Roving Radish or place an order, visit their [website](#).



2017 Farmers Market Season

There are no excuses not to eat fresh, especially when Howard County offers farmers markets four days a week throughout the county in the following six convenient locations! Swing by and pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and more! (Find more details [online](#).)

Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City
Hours: Wednesdays 2pm-6pm
Open through: **November 15**

East Columbia Branch Library

6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
Hours: Thursdays 2pm-6pm
Open through: **October 26**

Clarksville Commons

Route 108, Clarksville
Hours: Thursdays 3pm-7pm
Open through: **September 28**

Maple Lawn Farmers Market

8191 Westside Blvd, Fulton
Hours: Saturdays 9am-1pm
Open through: **November 5**

Ellicott City Old Town Market

Wine Bin Parking Lot, Historic Ellicott City
Hours: Saturdays 9am-1pm
Open through: **October 28**

Oakland Mills Village Center

5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia
Hours: Sundays 9am-1pm
Open through: **November 19**

Bike with a Cop in Oakland Mills

Children aged 5-11 and their parents are invited to come out to bike through Oakland Mills with police officers from the HCPD's Pathway Patrol Section on **Thursday, June 15 at 5:30pm**. Children under the age of nine must be accompanied by an adult and must wear helmets. For more information, contact Brigitta Warren at **410-730-4610** or events@oaklandmills.org.

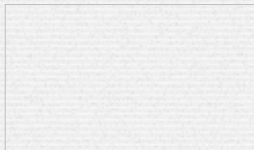


Boards and Commissions - Nominations Accepted

Interested in volunteering and giving back to our community? You are cordially invited to apply for a position on our Boards and Commissions. For a list, click [here](#). Below is information on our current vacancy. To apply, applicants should send a resume and brief letter explaining why they would like to serve to David Lee or by mail to: **Howard County Government, Office of the County Executive, Attn: David Lee, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043**.

Howard County Seeks Student Member for Human Rights Commission

Do you know a high school student who is interested in human rights or social justice? Encourage them to apply for the student member position on the Howard County Human Rights Commission! To be eligible for consideration, candidates must be a student under the age of 18, a Howard County resident, have an interest in human/civil rights and be able to attend the Commission's meetings on the third Thursday of each month from **7-9:00pm**. Applications for the position are now open until **Friday, June 16 at 5pm**. For more information, visit this [website](#).



Collision Avoidance Training

Our Howard County Police Department will be conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) classes throughout 2017. This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. Driving skills addressed include: evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more. Students must operate their own vehicle and successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver to receive a certificate of completion. Sessions are: **June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16**. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Cul De Sac and Street Beautification Grants

The Long Reach and Oakland Mills Community Association are pleased to announce that funds are now available for street beautification on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Long Reach Community Association could provide funds up to \$200 for approved plans for the purchase of plant materials. You must live on a county-dedicated road with a cul-de-sac island and you and your neighbors must agree to develop, plant, and maintain the landscaping plan. Application packets are available at Stonehouse or call **410-730-8113** for more details.

Oakland Mills Community Association offers grants of up to \$75 for up to 10 streets. There are also Block Party reimbursement funds of \$25 for up to 16 streets. Funds are reserved in a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve funds, contact **Sandy Cederbaum** at manager@oaklandmills.org or **410-730-4610**.

Lakefront Happenings

LakeFest - Come on out to **Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods** from **10am-6pm, Friday, June 16-Sunday, June 18**. This family friendly **FREE** event packs three days of live music, kids entertainment and crafts, strolling performers, and activities for all ages. For more details click [here](#).

Summer Concerts - **Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday** through **Sunday** in **June-September**. **Sunday** concerns begin at **6:30pm** through **August, 3pm in September** and all other concerns begin at **7:30pm** and end by **9:30pm**.

Movies - Mondays & Fridays from **June 26-August 28**, then **Fridays** and **Saturdays** from **September 1-9**. Movies begin at dusk (about **8:30pm**). All films are rated (G), (PG), or (PG13) as noted and are co-sponsored by the Columbia Film Society.

Dancin' Under the People Tree - Every **Friday, June 30-September 8**, free dance instruction with music will be held under the People Tree at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront from **6:30-8pm**. When the dance session ends, the movie begins!

Teen Open Mic Nights - **Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25** and **August 1**. Here's your chance to perform at the Lakefront! Sign-up starts at **6:45pm**, first come, first served. Sorry, no bands with drum sets. For more details, email CALakefrontFestival@gmail.com.

CPR Training: Get Trained in CPR

The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will be offering Hands-Only CPR training at no cost on **June 14 and June 28 from 6-8pm** at no cost.

Dates:

June 14: PSTC (**Public Safety Training Center**, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr, Marriottsville, MD 21104)

June 28: Gateway (**HCDFRS Headquarters**, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046)

Middle School Takeover

Don't miss your VIP access to this fun event on **Friday, June 16 from 7-11pm**. For current and rising middle schoolers - enjoy rock climbing, iDance, swimming, roller skating, raquetball, basketball, and more! the cost is \$5 to attend and pre-registration is required. Deadline to pre-register is **June 14, 2017**. Door prizes will be awarded, light refreshments will be available for free and additional food will be available from the snack bar at regular prices. Call **410-992-3726** for more info.



JHU Early Child Care & Education Expo 2017

Johns Hopkins University is hosting the Early Child Care and Education Expo of 2017 on **June 17, 2017 from 11am-4pm** at the **JHU School of Education Center for Technology Education**, 6740 Alexander Bell Dr., Columbia, MD. The expo will include food vendors, video game trucks, outdoor kid friendly activities, and educational workshops for adults, giveaways, and more. Admission is free. For more information contact [Kimberly Anderson](mailto:Kimberly.Anderson@jhu.edu) or Shannon Bishop at **410-516-9881**.

First-Time Home-buyers Workshop

If you're a first-time home-buyer or interested in purchasing a home, come out to the monthly first-time home-buyers workshop on **Monday, June 19 from 6-9pm** at the **Gateway Building**, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr #300, Columbia, MD 21046. Come learn about the critical areas of home buying, such as home-ownership readiness, budgeting and credit usage, and financing a home. To register, call **410-313-6328** or email homebuyerclass@howardcountymd.gov.

Ms. Biz Mornings

Ms. Biz Mornings is a **FREE** networking group for women in business hosted the 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning of every month (8:30am-10am). Events are held at a different local business each month. For more information, click [here](#). 2017 schedule is as follows:



June 20	We are at The Root, 9140 Guilford Rd, #20, Columbia
July 18	9030 Red Branch Rd., #150, Columbia

Columbia Orchestra Summer Pops Concert



Come celebrate Columbia's 50th birthday with a free orchestra concert at Columbia's newest concert pavilion, the **Chrysalis in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods**, 10431 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044, on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7pm!** Bring lawn chairs, a blanket, a picnic dinner, and the whole family to listen to your favorite music from Star Wars, Harry Potter, the Beatles, and more. Follow the

Event Parking signs to park at Merriweather Lots 1, 2, and 3 and if needed, request handicapped seating and parking by calling our office at **410-465-8777**.

World's Largest Swim Lesson

The CA is joining thousands of children and families at swimming pools and aquatic facilities around the globe for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson. Join us on **Thursday, June 22 at 6pm** at the **Hopewell Pool**, 9200 Rustling Leaf, Columbia, MD 21045, for this fun event. For more information, call **410-313-6332**. To preregister, visit this [website](#).

CA Open House Weekend

Learn more about the Columbia Association and their programs at the Open House weekend from **Saturday, June 24 until Sunday, June 25**. Non-CA and CA members alike are welcome to come and enjoy free classes, special activities, demos, and more. For more information or to preregister, visit this [website](#).

Explore Columbia on Foot

Columbia Association's (CA) series of outdoor walks returns in 2017 with walks exploring the lakes, streams, woodlands and wildlife of Columbia.



- **Saturday, June 24, The Mall in Columbia** - meet at the Plaza in front of Season's 52 (10300 Little Patuxent Parkway)
- **Thursday, July 13, Long Reach** - meet at Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center (6030 Tamar Drive)
- **Thursday, Aug. 31, Kings Contrivance** - meet at Huntington Pool (7625 Murray Hill Road)
- **Thursday, Sept. 14, Harper's Choice** - meet at Hobbits Glen Pool (11130 Willow Bottom Drive)
- **Thursday, Oct. 12, Downtown Columbia** - meet at Lakefront Plaza (10275 Little Patuxent Parkway)
- **Thursday, Oct. 26, Hickory Ridge** - meet at Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring)

Most walks will begin at **10am**; the walk at The Mall in Columbia begins at **8:30am**. Registration is not required. For more information, click [here](#).

Jazz in the Mills Presents the Miles Griffith Quartet

Join us at The Other Barn in Oakland Mills on **Sunday, June 25 from 5-7:30pm** to see the Miles Griffith Quartet, composed of Miles Griffith, Michael Bowie, Lenny Robinson, and Chris Grasso, perform. Tickets to see this night of jazz are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at The Other Barn or through this [website](#). For more information, contact Lavenia Nesmith at **301-596-5128** or lavenia_nesmith@comcast.net.

HCPSS Summer Food Service

From **June 26-August 4, Monday-Friday**, 4 locations will be providing free summer meals for kids and teens open to all children 18 years old and younger:

Harpers Choice MS, 5450 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044: **11:30am-1pm**
Murray Hill MS, 9989 Winter Sun Rd, Laurel, MD 20723: **11:30am-1pm**
Thomas Viaduct MS, 7000 Banbury Dr, Hanover, MD 21076: **11:30am-1pm**
Stevens Forest ES, 6045 Stevens Forest Rd, Columbia, MD 21045: **12:30-2pm**

For more details and eligibility, click [here](#) or call **410-313-6743**.

Arts and Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

Register now for our Visual and Performing Arts or Parks and Recreation Summer Camps! Visual and Performing Arts camps run from **June 26-August 18** and are open to students entering grades K-7. For complete details or to register visit their [website](#). Parks and Recreation camps are throughout the summer. For more information, click [here](#).

The Longest Table

Join us for dinner and conversation at Howard Community College on **June 28 from 6-8pm**. The Longest Table is an idea to build new relationships and talk about the future of our community with a stranger. To learn more, click [here](#) and to register for the event click [here](#).



Paint It! Ellicott City 2017

Be a part of the Paint It! Ellicott City Open Paint-Out. Set up an easel and enjoy painting alongside our juried artists **July 7-July 9** in Historic Ellicott City. For a small registration fee, you can also participate in the community exhibition and display your work during our opening reception at the HCCA, **July 10, 2017 from 6-8pm**, and later at the Howard County Welcome Center. For more details visit the [exhibits](#) page or call **410-313-ARTS (2787)**.

Little Free Libraries

The Village of Long Reach will be installing a Little Free Library at the following neighborhood centers: Jeffers Hill, Locust Park, and Phelps Luck. A Little Free Library is a "take one, return one" free book exchange, encouraging the joy of reading in adults and children alike. Anyone can take a book or share a book.

The Village is also looking for new or gently used books to stock the library with. If you would like to donate any books, please drop them off at Stonehouse. For more information, contact the village office at **410-730-8113**.

HopeWorks



Pantry Needs:

Help restock the HopeWorks pantry! Items needed include: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, ethnic hair products, baby wipes, rice, cereal, breakfast bars, soups, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene pads, crackers, granola bars and juice boxes. To donate, call **(410) 997-0304** or email volunteer@wearehopeworks.org. For information and updates, go [online](#).

Free Pool Parties for Middle and High School Students

If you're a middle or high school student, join the fun with CA and attend one of their free pool parties this July. Each pool party will be at **Locust Park Pool**, 8995 Lambskin Ln, Columbia, MD 21045, in the village of Long Reach, and will include a diving and swimming contest, raffles, music, snacks, and more. The middle school pool party will be on **Friday, July 7 from 7-10pm**, with registration closing on **Thursday, July 6 at 5pm** and the high school pool party will be on **Friday, July 14 from 7-10pm**, with registration closing on **Thursday, July 13 at 5pm**. To register, call **410-992-3726**.

1st Alarm Girls Fire Camp

The St. Florian's Brigade of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will hold a two-day camp for young women who are interested in learning more about the fire service and what it takes to become a firefighter. This fun and exciting weekend will focus on learning about what it takes to be a firefighter, team building, a burn demo, CPR training, and much more! 1st Alarm Girls Fire Camp will take place at the **Howard County Fire and Rescue Public Safety Training Center (PSTC)**, located at 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr. Marriottsville, MD 21104.

Dates and hours for the camp are as follows:

First Camp - **July 8-9, 2017**; Ages 8-11

Second Camp - **July 29-30**; Ages 12-16

Fill out an application [here](#) and submit completed ones to fd3224@howardcountymd.gov.

P.L.E.D.G.E. Summer Leadership Camps

P.L.E.D.G.E. (pride, leadership, education, diversity, gang resistance, evaluation) Summer Leadership Camp is a free, one-week program designed to help students entering the ninth grade develop leadership skills.

2017 Summer Leadership Camps:

July 10 - 14 (Enrollment open **March 24 - June 16**)

July 31- August 4 (Enrollment open **March 24 - July 3**)

To view the brochure, click [here](#).

To view the registration packet, click [here](#).

HowGirlsCode Mind, Body, and Coding Camp

What could be better than learning how to code while nurturing your well-being through yoga, meditation, and self-empowerment exercises? HowGirlsCode is partnering with UMBC and the National Security Agency to host a Mind, Body, and Coding camp for girls in grades three to six. The camp will teach girls programming, robotics, yoga, and more. The camp will run from **July 10-21**. For more information or to register, visit this [website](#).

CA Extreme Youth and Teens Summer Program

Have you always wanted to go to Hershey Park? How about Ocean City? Now you can through the CA's Extreme Youth and Teens summer excursions program. If you are a student between the ages of 9-18, you can join them on any of their eight summer day trips, happening from **July 18-August 10**. The registration for the program closes on **July 3**. For more information, call **410-992-3726**.

HCC Happenings

Kids on Campus Summer 2017 Classes June 21 - August 18

Make your children's summer break fun, productive and convenient with summer enrichment classes at HCC. [Registration](#) is now open.

SAT, ACT & Other Test Preparation

HCC offers the opportunity for High school students to prepare at HCC for SAT, ACT, and other standardized testing. Click [here](#) for details.

Job Fair

Students and community members are invited to attend the HCC Job Fair on **October 27 from 10am-1pm**. There is no admission cost for attending. By participating, you will have the opportunity to connect with companies about jobs and career opportunities within their organizations.

For employers: The Fall 2017 Job Fair will be open for registration in late **August 2017**. If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, to receive an invitation, please email jobfair@howardcc.edu and provide your name, phone number, and company name.

5K Challenge Run

Commit to creating a healthy community by participating in the HCC 5k Challenge Race on **October 29 at 8am!** Experience HCC's beautiful campus and unique race course as your organization competes for prestigious "Challenge" awards and join teammates and participants in the Celebration Village to learn more about HCC, its partners, and programs!



In Need of Crisis Intervention?

Grassroots is a private, non-profit agency that empowers people in crisis to make positive changes by offering professional 24-hour crisis intervention, shelter & outreach services. They provide programs & services including 24-hour crisis intervention hotline, Maryland Crisis Hotline, Walk-in Counseling, Mobile Crisis Team, Suicide Prevention, outreach and education, a 33-bed Family Shelter, an 18-bed Men's Shelter, a Motel Shelter, Cold Weather Shelter & Day Resource Center. The Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. is located at **6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044**. For more information, please call **410-531-6006** or visit the Grassroots [website](#) at The 24-hour line is **410-531-6677** and the MD Crisis Hotline is **1-800-422-0009**.

Columbia Turns 50

2017 represents a significant milestone in Howard County. Columbia turns 50. The community is joining together in celebration "Appreciate the Past and Imagine the Future." Festivities will continue through **September**. For information about upcoming events click [here!](#)



Metropolitan Washington Ear: A Free News/Information Service for the Visually Impaired

Metropolitan Washington Ear provides free news and information services for blind, visually-impaired and physically disabled residents with goals to strive to *substitute hearing for seeing*, improving the lives of people with little or no vision by enabling them to be well-informed, fully-productive members of their families, their communities and the working world. Free services that the Metropolitan Washington Ear include:

- **24/7 radio broadcast** using radios pre-tuned to our station and a subcarrier channel from WETA-FM.
- **24/7 telephone dial-in news and information** service accessed by using a touch-tone telephone that allows the caller to skip and scan newspapers, magazines, and other information just as a sighted person does when reading a publication.
- **Audio-Description** of live stage performances in eight theaters in the DC metropolitan area, as well as designated performances for the Washington Revels, the Hexagon revue and others as requested.
- **Symphony Notes** for the National Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore.
- Personal **look-up service** every evening.
- **Natural Voices** rather than computer-generated voices for easier listening.

For more information go [online](#), contact **301-681-6636** or information@washear.org.

Grasscycle

Cutting the grass is a part of everyone's summer chores, but here are some tips on how to save time, energy and the environment!

Try GrassCycling - leaving the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally. Grasscycling is a gentle way to release nitrogen gradually on your lawn. It also saves you from bagging and dragging your grass clippings to the curb for pickup.

Scam ALERT

Charitable Foundations

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection is warning residents to use caution and common sense when dealing with solicitors who claim to represent firefighter associations or others seeking donations to aid people who have been affected by fire or natural disaster. It is important to take the time to check where your generosity is going regardless of the cause.

Utilities Calls

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Howard County Office of Consumer Protection are warning residents to use caution when dealing with callers claiming to be a representative with the consumer's local gas or electric utility company, stating that immediate payment, often by prepaid debit cards, credit cards or gift cards, is due to ensure the consumer's heating service is not disconnected.

The Office of Consumer Affairs also advises:

- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers, Let them go to voicemail.
- No legitimate business will demand payment via gift cards, prepaid debit cards or wire transfer.
- If you are not sure if a caller is legitimate, hang up, look up the company's phone number independently, and use that number to verify the call with the company.
- If you get a recorded message asking you to hit a phone key to stop getting calls, just hang up. Scammers often use this trick to identify, and then target, live respondents.
- Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service that allows subscribers to block unwanted calls. If not, encourage your provider to start offering a blocking service. Visit the FCC's website for more information and resources on available blocking tools at www.fcc.gov/unwanted-calls.
- Residents who have lost money or feel their personal safety is at risk due to a scam should contact the Howard County Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 410-313-2200 to file a report.

Beware of 'CAN YOU HEAR ME' SCAMS

The Federal Communications Commission is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for scam callers seeking to get victims to say the word "yes" during a call and later use a recording of the response to authorize unwanted charges on the victim's utility or credit card account. According to complaints received, fraudulent callers impersonate representatives from organizations that provide a service and may be familiar to the person receiving the call, such as a mortgage lender or utility, to establish a legitimate reason for trying to reach the consumer.

Generally, the scam begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, "Can you hear me?" The caller then records the consumer's "Yes" response and thus obtains a voice signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone.

If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements (bank, credit card lender, telephone, etc.) for unauthorized charges. Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this scam should immediately report the incident to the Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker and to the FCC Consumer Help Center.

Here are some helpful tips to avoid scams and ward off unwanted calls:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail.
- If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to hit a button to stop receiving calls, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify, and then target, live respondents.
- If you receive a scam call, write down the number and file a complaint with the FCC so we can help identify and take appropriate action to help consumers targeted by illegal callers.
- Ask your phone service provider if it offers a robocall blocking service. If not, encourage your provider to offer one. You can also visit the FCC's website for information and resources on available robocall blocking tools to help reduce unwanted calls.
- Consider registering all of your telephone numbers in the National Do Not Call Registry.

50+ Expo



The Office of Aging and Independence is hosting its annual 50+ Expo on **October 20 from 9am to 4pm** at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia. The Expo will feature vendors and exhibitors that cater to older adults, families, caregivers, and care providers. For more information, click [here](#).

2017 Howie Award Nominations

Know an exceptional individual or business who has made contributions to the arts in Howard County? Nominate them for the yearly Howie Award, which is given by the Arts Council to those who deserve recognition for their contribution to arts in these three categories: Outstanding Artist, Outstanding Arts Educator, and Outstanding Business or Community Supporter. Nominations for the 2017 Howie Awards must be received by **October 30, 2017**. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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